

Purple Loosestrife Watch: Reporting Procedures

Where & When to Look

Purple Loosestrife is primarily a wetland plant. For this reason, you are most likely to find purple loosestrife growing in a wetland, or adjacent to marshes, lakes, ponds, rivers, or streams. Because of purple loosestrife's extreme hardiness it can also be found growing in ditches along roadways, lowlands, mud holes and drier sites like prairies and agricultural land. **A good rule of thumb is: any site where there are wet soils or standing water at any time during the year is potential purple loosestrife habitat.** Purple loosestrife also needs full sunlight to thrive, so shaded areas are typically not considered to be good habitat.

As a volunteer watcher, the best places for you to look for purple loosestrife are along lakeshores, wetlands, banks of rivers or tributaries, and in the ditches along roadways. Purple loosestrife blooms from about mid July through mid September. **For this reason, August is the best time to look for purple loosestrife.** Before monitoring, you should become familiar with the characteristics of purple loosestrife so that you don't confuse it with native look-alikes plants like fireweed, which bloom at the same time. Please refer to the new state purple loosestrife brochure or the brochure "Purple Loosestrife: What You Should Know, What You can Do" for information on identifying both the weed and similar native plants.

When to Report

- If you discover a new patch any size, any where, even just one plant (Consider personally treating very small infestations!)
- If you are unclear as to whether a site has or has not been reported previously.

How to Report

Fill out the form, detach, fold in half, stamp and mail to the Wisconsin Purple Loosestrife Control Coordinator or fax to 608-221-6353. If you have multiple forms to turn in, place all in an envelope and mail to the address on reverse. A copy of the form will be forwarded to your local DNR Purple Loosestrife Coordinator.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources

Purple Loosestrife Volunteer Watch Report

Form 3200-119 (5/03)

Notice: Information provided on this form is voluntary, and authority for its use is identified in s. 23.11, Wis. Stats. Personally identifiable information, including such data as volunteer name, address, etc. will be used for DNR program research and management and is not intended to be used for other purposes. Wisconsin's Open Records law requires the Department to provide this information upon request [ss. 19.31 - 19.69, Wis. Stats.].

Purple Loosestrife Location Information

Report Date	County	Township N	Range E / W	Section(s)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lake	<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh/Wetland
<input type="checkbox"/> River	<input type="checkbox"/> Roadside Ditch
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Nearest Road or Intersection	OR	GPS Coordinates
	Latitude: DEG MIN SEC N	Longitude: DEG MIN SEC W

Land Ownership (Check One):	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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Are you the owner? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If No, Name of Owner
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Directions to Find the Site

Approximate No. of Plants/Clumps	Infestation Acreage	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1-10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50+	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1/2 acre <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 -1 acre (size of football field) <input type="checkbox"/> 1-10 acres <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10 acres	
Loosestrife Density	Has the site been treated?	If so, how? (Check All That Apply)
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 50% <input type="checkbox"/> More than 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Pulled <input type="checkbox"/> Cut <input type="checkbox"/> Chem <input type="checkbox"/> Bio <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

Volunteer Information

Name	Telephone Number or E-Mail Address
Street Address	
City	State ZIP Code

**Place
Stamp
Here**

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